

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A preformed foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising:

a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the high-back seat;

a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;

wherein the rear portion defines an opening dimensioned to receive a utility or an entertainment component therein and;

a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion about the opening such that the mound increases the depth of the opening.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The foam bun of Claim 2, 1, wherein the increased depth allows flush mounting of the utility or the entertainment component with respect to the mound.

4. (Currently Amended) The foam bun of Claim 3, wherein the front portion of the foam bun is ~~contoured~~ dimensioned with respect to the mound so as to generally maintain a ~~desired~~ selected thickness of the foam bun about the opening.

5. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, further comprising a wire pathway defined by the foam bun such that the pathway allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the foam bun thereby allowing the foam bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.

6. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the foam bun is formed from urethane.

7. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 6, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.

8. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.

9. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 8, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.

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10. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.

11. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 10, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.

12. (Currently Amended) A high-back seat for an automobile, comprising:

an internal frame that provides structural integrity of the seat;

a seat cover that covers the seat; and

a preformed bun interposed between the internal frame and the seat cover, wherein the bun defines an integral opening at its rear portion such that the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein;

wherein the bun further comprises a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion of the bun about the opening to provide sufficient depth for flush mounting of the utility or entertainment component.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The seat of Claim 14 2, wherein ~~the contouring of~~ the bun further comprises a ~~reduction in the~~ front portion of the bun joined to the rear portion, wherein at least a portion of the front portion generally opposite from the mound has a thickness dimension which is reduced about the opening to generally maintain a desired selected thickness of the bun about the opening.

16. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the bun further defines a wire pathway that allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the bun thereby allowing the bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.

17. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the bun is formed from urethane foam.

18. (Original) The seat of Claim 17, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.

19. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.

20. (Original) The seat of Claim 19, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.

21. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.

22. (Original) The seat of Claim 21, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.

23. (Currently Amended) A foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising:
a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the high-back seat;

a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;

an opening defined by the rear portion of the seat wherein the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein; and

a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion, formed about the opening to increase the depth of the opening.

24. (Currently Amended) A preformed foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising:

a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the high-back seat;

a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;

an opening defined by the rear portion of the seat wherein the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein; and

a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion, formed about the opening to increase the depth of the opening; and

a wire pathway defined by the foam bun such that the pathway allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the foam bun thereby allowing the foam bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.

Claims 25-27 Canceled

28. (New) A high-back seat for an automobile, comprising:

an internal frame that provides structural integrity of the seat;

a seat cover that covers the seat; and

a preformed bun interposed between the internal frame and the seat cover, wherein the bun defines an integral opening at its rear portion such that the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein;

wherein the bun further comprises a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion of the bun about the opening;

and wherein the bun further comprises a front portion joined to the rear portion, wherein at least a portion of the front portion generally opposite from the mound has a thickness dimension which is reduced about the opening to generally maintain a selected thickness of the bun about the opening for flush mounting of the utility or entertainment component.

29. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the bun further defines a wire pathway that allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the bun thereby allowing the bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.

30. (New) The seat of Claim 30, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.

31. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.

32. (New) The seat of Claim 32, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.

33. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.

34. (New) The seat of Claim 34, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.